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REMARKS

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1. In April 1953, the then KVPD (Verband) in Burg was deactivated and the individual units were transferred, with the engineers going to Rostock, the infantry to Sternbuchholz, the signal men to Magdeburg and the artillery men to an unknown destination. This deactivation was followed by an activation of a tank regiment which was organized from the tank units of the KVPD in Halle, the KVPD in Sternbuchholz, the KVPD in Gotha, the KVPD in Muehlhausen, the KVPD in Kochstedt I and the KVPD in Burg. The regiment which was stationed at the Waldfrieden installation consisted of a headquarters with 25 officers and 10 VPs, a motor transport company with 4 officers and 30 personnel, a band with 20 VPs, an infirmary with 7 VPs, the 1st Bn consisting of 40 officers and 390 personnel, the 2d Bn consisting of 26 officers and 234 personnel and the 3d Bn consisting of 33 officers and 312 personnel. Officers of the tank regiment included Lieutenant Colonel Schlawinsky (fnu) as commanding officer, Major Meister (fnu) as PK officer, Major Roeg (fnu) as chief of staff, Captain Rodig (fnu) as technical officer and Senior Lieutenant Heinz (fnu) as commanding officer of the 1st Bn. Two Soviet advisors wearing KVP uniforms and the rank insignia of majors were attached to the regimental headquarters.
3. The armament of the unit consisted of 28 T 34/76 tanks, 25 SU 76s and 1x4-wheel Bobby armored scout car.
4. Motor vehicles available to the tank regiment included 30 H 3 A trucks, 7x3-ton trailers, 2 P-1 cross-country cars, 2 Phaenomen cross-country cars, 4 SIS repair shop trucks, 2 tank trucks each with a trailer, 1 bus, 1 old prime mover, 2 Phaenomen Granit-27 ambulances, 8 BMW sedans, 1 DKW sedan, 1 AWO motorcycle, 1 BMW motorcycle and 2 JAVA motorcycles. Motor vehicles were supplied directly from the individual plants on orders of the Ministry of the Interior and were in good condition.
5. The personnel included 25 percent of the 1935 class, 40 percent of the 1934 class, 15 percent of the 1933 class and 10 percent of the 1932 class. Ten percent were older than the 1932 class. About 90 percent of the personnel served under 3 years, 8 percent between 3 and 5 years and 2 percent for

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more than 5 years. About 20 percent of the personnel came from Saxony, 20 percent from Saxony-Anhalt, 25 percent from Mecklenburg, 20 percent from Thuringia, 13 percent from Brandenburg and 2 percent came from Berlin. About 25 percent were communists, 65 percent were indifferent and 10 percent disliked the regime.

6. On 17 June, the tank regiment was alerted and was partly shipped to Magdeburg and partly to Gommern. Political instruction and other activities continued as previously during the subsequent period. Several sick VPs who were unfit for service were discharged prior to 17 June.

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 25X1X was deactivated with 1 infantry detail going to Sternbuchholz, 2 infantry details going to Rostock, the artillery going to Gleswen, the AAA to Kirchhueser, and the engineers and signal men probably to Rostock or Sternbuchholz. The tank regiment in Burg was probably activated from tank elements in Weissenfels and, possibly, Erfurt and Leipzig in addition to the units mentioned.

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